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## OFF-DUTY NEW HAVEN POLICE OFFICER INVOLVED IN SHOOTING

On 11/08/04 shortly after 4:00 p.m. an off duty New Haven Police officer was moving into an apartment at 904 Howard Ave in New Haven. The Off-duty Officer entered the building with a small black dog where a verbal disagreement began between the officer and a male. Both the officer and this male entered the same elevator and between floors shots were fired by the Officer.

A 911 call was placed requesting New Haven EMS and New Haven Police Officers. Both responded to the scene. The male was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS.

Preliminary information at the scene determined that the male had a knife in his hand which he reportedly had threatened the officer with during the verbal confrontation. The Officer drew and discharged his service weapon severely wounding the male. New Haven Police Officers secured the crime scene.

The New Haven State's Attorney and New Haven Police Chief requested that the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad respond to the scene to conduct an investigation into this shooting.

The New Haven Officer involved in this shooting incident has been assigned to administrative duty, as is New Haven Department policy. He is identified as Officer Elliot ROSA a 2-year veteran of the Department.

A post mortem examination of the deceased is scheduled to take place today at the Office of the Chief State's Medical Examiner to determine the cause of death. His identification will be released at that time as will the cause of death.

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